(b) Statements I and II indicating allotment and offtake of rice and wheat under National Rural Employment Programme/Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme and Employment Generation Scheme during the last three years are attached. [*See* Appendix CXXXVII, Annexure No. 31].

Employment potential in private sector

2255. SHRI CHITTA BASU:
SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that employment potential in the private sector has started showing signs of deceleration;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to increase the employment potential?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) Information on employment potential in the private sector is not available.

(c) As per Seventh Five Year Plan document it is expected that additional employment of the order of 40.36 million standard person years would be generated during the Seventh Plan as a result of implementation of various sectoral investment/programmes.

Import of Silk Yarn

2256. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what was the extent of import of silk yarn from foreign countries during the years 1980—84 and 1985-86;

(b) whether it is a fact that this has affected the indigenous industry; and

(c) if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) The year-wise import of silk yarn since 1980-81 is as under:

(*in tonnes*)

Year	Quantity imported
1980-81	130·00
1981-82	237·00
1982—83	214·00
	(Based on advance date from D G C I & S, Calcutta)

Data for the subsequent years has not yet been finalised by DGCI&S, Calcutta.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) In view of (b), does not arise.

Policy regarding input prices for Commodities

2257. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have laid down any policy in regard to the input prices for different commodities like petroleum, coal, steel and fertilizers;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) how do Government propose to cut down the production costs of various commodities through the above policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) The Government is working on a policy paper on administered prices which will outline the approach and policy on revision in administered prices.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Festival of India in France and U.S.A.

2258. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as a result of the Festival of India organised in France and the U.S.A. during the last few months, Indian handicrafts are attracting foreign buyers; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the deals entered into with foreign buyers for exporting Indian handicrafts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) (i) During the Festival of India promotion in USA and France, Handicrafts and Handlooms Export Corporation of India Ltd., exported handicrafts goods worth Rs. 1.10 crores.

(ii) Further negotiations are being conducted with some of the Museum/Institutions for export of handicrafts goods in U.S.A.

Losses incurred by the Samrat Hotel, Delhi

2259. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Samrat Hotel in Delhi is showing losses;

(b) if so, what was the loss of the Hotel during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the proposal to handover the Hotel to the Indian Airlines, Air-India and International Airport Authority has been shelved;

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) what measures Government propose to take to minimise the loss?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) I and (b) The information is as under:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Net Loss
1982-83 (Commissioned in Nov. '82)	70.89
1983-84	206.67
1984-85	128.05

The above losses were incurred due to the impact of interest and depreciation.

(c) No such proposal was envisaged.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) ITDC has taken the following measures to minimise the losses in Hotel Samrat:—

Marketing and Reservation tie-ups abroad of ITDC Hotel including Hotel Samrat for chain use by foreign tourists;

Setting up of ITDC's own Travel Agency;

Grant discount to local companies, Travel Agents Public Sector Undertakings, etc.

Introduction of cheap packages for domestic clientale;